The Hongkong Telegraph.

N°. 2794. TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1891. SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL£2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL£ 580,000.

LONDON:
Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office.....25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, Issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager. [10

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL$9,296,677 07
RESERVE FUND 6,806,596 31
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS } 9,296,677.07

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—
CHAIRMAN—J. S. MOSES, Esq.
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HONGKONG—F. DE BOVIS, Esq.
MANAGER.
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.
LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of BANKING and EXCHANGE business transacted.
DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1891. [8

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, 10 to 4; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.
2.—SUMS LESS THAN $1, or MORE THAN $250 at one time will not be received. No Depositor may deposit more than $2,500 in any one year.
3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having $100, or more, at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3½ % per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.
5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1891. [9

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....$5,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL 2,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 1,250,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hon. J. J. KESWICK, Chairman. } Managing Directors.
Hon. C. P. CHATER, Vice-Chairman. }
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BANKERS.
THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land, and Buildings.
Properties purchased and sold.
Estates Managed and all kinds of Agency and Commission business relating to land, etc., conducted.
Full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Offices, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. [84

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H.M. Naval Storekeeper to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,
the 23rd March, 1891, at Noon, at H.M. Naval Yard,

SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING CONDEMNED STORES,
Comprising:—
OLD IRON, PAPER STUFF, CHAIN CABLE, HOSES, CANVAS RAGS, METAL TUBES, PROVISIONS, CLOTHING, and IMPLEMENTS,
&c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Govt. Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1891. [428

Notices of Firms.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence from Hongkong, Mr. J. S. VAN BUREN takes charge of the Business of the Company as ACTING AGENT.

CHAS D. HARMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1891. [433

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence from Hongkong, Mr. J. S. VAN BUREN takes charge of the Business of the Company as ACTING AGENT.

CHAS. D. HARMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1891. [434

NOTICE.

WE beg to inform the Public that LIU LAM alias LIU PO TIN, our late Manager, has left our employment and the Business is now carried on as usual by the Undersigned. We also have the pleasure to inform our Customers that we have on stock every kind of FURNITURE, SILVER-PLATED, GLASS and CROCKERY WARES for Sale or Hire.

ACHEE & Co.,
17, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1891. [435

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities, that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries at Lyemun in North-Westerly and Easterly directions, North Point in a North-Easterly direction, and Kowloon Dock in an Easterly direction; from the 16th to 21st instants, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,
W. M. DEANE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 12th March, 1891. [420

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on FRIDAY, the 20th March, at 3.30 p.m., at the Rooms of the Chamber, City Hall, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee, and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1890.

By Order,
F. HENDERSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1891. [409

VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOL.

BOYS' SCHOOL, 49, Peel Street. GIRLS' SCHOOL, 55, Peel Street.

THIS School, formerly carried on by the late Mrs. J. M. HANLON, will in future be conducted by Mr. W. D. BRAIDWOOD, M.A. (Phil.), C.M., assisted by Mr. A. A. WATTS, C.M.

In addition to the ordinary branches, the following subjects are included in the curriculum:—Euclid, Algebra, Drawing, History, Geography, (Physical and Political) and Book-keeping.

The Girls' School is conducted by Miss TAYLOR.

Boarders are received in both departments.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1891. [424

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A COMPETITION for the LONG RANGE HANDICAP SUBSCRIPTION CUP and RANGE SPOONS, will be held on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 3.30 P.M. Distance, 800 and 900 yards. Ten shots at each. Position: any. Entrance fee, 30 cents.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 3 O'CLOCK P.M. to convey competitors.

FRANK COLLINS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1891. [65

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 38.

PILES OF WHAMPOA BARRIER CARRIED AWAY.

CAPTAINS of Vessels are hereby notified, that no reliance can be placed on the position of the GREEN LIGHT at the Whampoa barrier, (Li-ti Chu) until the outer piles on the South side—recently carried away—are replaced; due notice of which will be given.

J. H. MAY,
Harbour Master.

Approved
F. E. WOODRUFF,
Commissioner.
Canton Harbour Office,
Canton, 14th March, 1891. [426

Intimations.

EMPIRE PALE ALE.

EMPIRE EXTRA STOUT.
IN BOTTLES AND CASKS.

EMPIRE PALE ALE.....	Pints per dozen	$	1.50
	Quarts "		2.50
	9-Gall. Cask per cask		6.00
	18-Gall. Cask "		10.00
EMPIRE EXTRA STOUT.	Pints per dozen		1.60
	Quarts "		2.60
	9-Gall. Cask per cask		6.50
	18-Gall. Cask "		12.00

CASKS will be charged and allowed for in full when returned.
BOTTLES—quarts and pints—received back at current rates.
The Company are now prepared to enter into Contracts for any quantity in Casks or Bottles. Special terms, &c., on application to the

SOLE AGENTS,
HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD.
NEW PREMISES,
COLONIAL HOUSE, 4, Queen's Road, Corner of Duddell Street.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1891. [368

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
AND
Commission Agents.

ALWAYS in stock our usual well-known Brand's of WINES and SPIRITS, &c.
"SPECIALLY BLENDED LIQUEUR WHISKY."
PURE PHOTOGRAPHIC CHEMICALS; SCHERING'S CELLOIDIN
In a Gelatinous form, is not dangerous and is inexplosive, dissolves quite bright, without any sediment, in Ether, and Alcohol, and gives a much more uniform result than ordinary Gun Cotton.

Our remaining stock of CHRISTMAS SWEETS, CHOCOLATES, SHORT BREAD, &c. we are selling off at reduced prices.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1890 [17

W. BREWER.

INDIA RUBBER STAMPS.

W. BREWER has every facility for the speedy manufacture of PURE INDIA RUBBER STAMPS, any ordinary Stamp can be made in a day, and at very reasonable prices.
Patent Self Inking Presses. | Patent Dating Stamps;
Can have name of Firm added in one day.

PIANOS ON MONTHLY TERMS.

Easy Arrangements can be made for the purchase of Instruments of any make including:—Collard & Collard, Broadwood, Rachals, Kirkman, Monington and Weston, &c., &c.
Second Hand Pianos for Sale cheap. Musical Instruments of every description.
Strings for all Instruments.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1891. [159

APOLLINARIS.

"THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS."

ESTD. 1864.

"When abroad, by far the best beverage to take is Apollinaris water."—*Truth.*

"Familiar in millions of mouths as any household word."

"More wholesome than any aerated water which art can supply."—*The Times.*

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
SOLE AGENTS FOR HONGKONG & CHINA.
Hongkong—18, Queen's Road. [16

W. POWELL & CO.

JUST RECEIVED A NEW SHIPMENT OF

CROCKERY,

DINNER SERVICES, BEDROOM TOILET SETS, TEA SETS, GLASS WARE, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1891. [6

PIANOS FOR SALE. A. HAHN, PIANOS ON HIRE.
PIANO-TUNER AND REPAIRER.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, LEATHER GOODS, FANCY " STATIONERY, TOYS. &c., &c.

LADIES' ROBES and JERSEYS, STOCKINGS, CHILDREN'S DRESSES, " HATS and CAPS, " SHOES. &c.
No. 2, PEDDER'S STREET.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1891. [18

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.
PIANOS

FOR SALE from $250 in Solid Cases, Iron Frames, etc., suitable for this Climate.
PIANOS
FOR HIRE from $10 per Month. Pianos on the Monthly Payment System from $15 per Month.
Pianos Tuned. Pianos Repaired.

A large selection of Violins, Tenors, Banjos, Guitars, Mandolins, Zithers, Cornets, Saxhorns, Baritones, Euphoniums, Trombones, Clarinets, Oboes, Flutes, Piccolos, Fifes, and Flageolets.
Complete equipment for Brass and String Bands. Strings and Fittings for all Musical Instruments.
Well Selected Stock of Music.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co's
Hongkong, 28th February, 1891. [30

ROBERT LANG & CO.,
TAILORS, HATTERS, SHIRTMAKERS, AND GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS.
OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL.

OUR Stock of Seasonable Goods is now complete in all the newest MATERIALS, comprising a large variety of DRESS SUITING from $30 upwards. TWEEDS for SUITS, ULSTERS and INVERNESS CAPES, CORDS and ELASTICS for RIDING and SHOOTING BREECHES and LEGGINGS.
EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, COLLARS, TIES, GLOVES, SILK, LISLE THREAD and CASHMERE, SOCKS, PATENT LEATHER PUMPS and SHOES, &c. &c. &c.
ROBERT LANG & Co.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1891. [139

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Thirteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 21st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1891. [361

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1890.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1890, in order that the Distribution of Bonus may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March instant, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1891. [372

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED at the HEAD OFFICE, SINGAPORE, from the 11th to 25th March next, both days inclusive.

ROBT. BAIRD,
Agent.
Hongkong, 26th February, 1891. [346

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of March, 1891, at 2.30 p.m. in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts to the 30th day of September, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th inst., to the 25th inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
K. A. STEVENS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1891. [406

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, at 2.45 o'clock p.m., on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of March, 1891, for the purpose of considering, and if approved of passing, the following Special Resolution:—

That the Capital of the Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited, be increased from $180,000 to $225,000 by the creation of Four Thousand and Five Hundred New Shares of $10 each to be fully paid up. And that such New Shares be issued upon such terms and conditions and generally with such rights and privileges as shall be resolved upon or directed at the Meeting, and if no direction be given, as the Directors shall determine.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
K. A. STEVENS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1891. [407

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fifth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1891, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 30th September, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 30th instant, both day inclusive.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1891. [437

TO BOARDERS.

FIRST-CLASS BOARD; permanent boarders preferred.
Apply to
MRS. CARROLL,
No. 7, Caine Road.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1890. [425

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has secured the services of an experienced PHOTOGRAPHER, and undertakes to produce First Class Photographs and the enlargement of Photos, &c.
Cabinets (enamelled).....$5 a dozen.
Cartes de Visite 2 "
PUN WOO, PHOTOGRAPHER,
83, Queen's Road Central,
(Top Floor of Teen Sing, Bookbinder).
Hongkong, 17th February, 1891. [298

J. & R. HARVEY & Co.,
DUNDASHILL DISTILLERY, GLASGOW.
Established 1770.

SCOTCH WHISKIES.
Finest Pure Malt Scotch Whisky.
O.H.M. Old Highland Malt Whisky.
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MESSRS. HARVEY & Co.'s Pure Malt Whiskies have for over fifty years commanded the largest sale in the English Market OF ANY WHISKY made in Scotland, and being thoroughly matured in Sherry Wood are very mild and mellow, and are confidently recommended where a Pure, Wholesome Spirit is desired.
Over one million Gallons produced annually
For Prices and Samples, apply to
G. RENNIE STEWART,
12, D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong.
Sole Agent for China and Japan.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1890. [369

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship
"FOKIEN,"
Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th March 1891 [429

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"MACDUFF,"
Captain Porter, will be despatched as above on the 18th March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1891. [412

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"VERONA,"
Captain F. H. Seymour, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 21st inst., at Daylight.
E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1891. [3

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, AND BOMBAY,
Having connection with Company's Mail Steamer to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRIESTE, VENICE and FIUME.

THE Company's Steamship
"MELPOMENE,"
Captain A. Mittis, will be despatched as above, on SUNDAY, the 22nd instant, at 10 a.m., taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, and ADRIATIC PORTS).
Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th March 1891. [416

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"BRECONSHIRE,"
Captain Jackson, will be despatched on or about the 23rd inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1891. [439

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY, (Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offers).

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"TEHERAN,"
Captain C. D. Sams, R.N.R., will leave for the above places on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst., at NOON.
E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1891 [411

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"HARROW,"
Captain Brooker, due at the end of March, will have immediate despatch.
For Freight, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1891. [188

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Ship
"IMPERIAL,"
Crosby, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1891. [213

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Ship
"STERLING,"
Goodwin, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1891. [140

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "GAELIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1891. [2

NOTICE.

THE Steamship "ARRATOON APCAR" having had a fire on board, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that before taking delivery they will be required to sign a General Average Bond, and to give security for the payment of their contributions if necessary. They must also give full particulars of their cargo and the sound market value of their goods, as on the 12th March, 1891.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1891. [422

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED,

DISPENSING CHEMISTS, &c.

PURE WINES.

WE beg to invite careful attention to the following selection from our Wine List, for we have succeeded in combining purity and excellence of quality with moderate prices.

SHERRY.

	per case.	per bottle.
Vino Generoso—a generous round wine, *green seal*	$ 6.00	$0.60
Vino Depasto—a medium dry wine with delicate flavour, *red seal*	$10.00	$1.00
Amontillado—a high class natural wine for connoisseurs of Sherry, *yellow seal*	$12.00	$1.10
Delicioso—the very finest sherry procurable, 6 years in bottle	$14.00	$1.25

PORT.

Superior quality	$10.00	$1.00
Invalid Port, *gold seal*	$12.00	$1.10
Old Tawny, soft and mature, *black seal*	$14.00	$1.25
Specially selected old vintage	$20.00	$1.75

BURGUNDY.

Beaune—a full-bodied Red Burgundy with strengthening properties	$14.00	$1.25
Chablis—a mellow White Burgundy, fine flavour and bonquet	$14.00	$1.25

CHAMPAGNE.

Avize—a well matured, specially selected dry wine.	$18.00	$1.75
Lemoine — Vin-brut — Cuvee Royale. As Supplied regularly to the Prince of Wales, House of Commons, and the chief clubs in London, &c.	$12.00	$2.00
Per case of 24 pints	$23.00	$1.00

We are sole Agents in China for the Sale of this splendid Wine.

(Telephone No. 60.)

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1891. [37

BY APPOINTMENT.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

Our New Factory has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English Makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

LARGE BOMBAY "SODAS"

☞ We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS,

whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

FOR COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is, "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG," And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock :—

PURE AERATED WATERS
SODA WATER
LEMONADE
POTASH WATER
SELTZER WATER
LITHIA WATER
SARSAPARILLA WATER
TONIC WATER
GINGER ALE
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for bottles that look dirty, or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of Containing Aerated Water, as such bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
Hongkong, China, and Manila. [5

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

BIRTH.

On the 9th March, at 11, St. John's Park, Blackheath, Kent, the wife of ROBERT HOUGH, H.I.C.M.'s Customs service, of a son.—(By telegram.)

MARRIAGE.

On the 12th instant, at H.B.M.'s Consulate-General, Shanghai, by P. J. Hughes, Esq., Consul-General, and afterwards at Trinity Cathedral, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., EDWARD BOIS, of Shanghai, to BLANCHE MAUDE, youngest daughter of Francis Julian Marshall, Surveyor, H.B.M.'s Office of Works for China and Japan.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

PHENOMENAL WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 14th.

Six trains have been buried in snow between Exeter and Plymouth; the sufferings of the passengers were terrible.

DEATH OF THE UNITED STATES MINISTER TO JAPAN.

TOKYO, 10th March, 1891.

Mr. John F. Swift, United States Minister to Japan, died here to-day.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

LI, ex-Minister for China to Japan, left Shanghai for Peking, *via* Tientsin, on the morning of the 13th inst.

THE Nagasaki *Rising Sun* states that the German steamer *Meteo* has changed her flag and will henceforth be known as the *Nippon-maru*.

AN old Chinawoman, found in an unconscious state by the Police last night in Jubilee Street, died at the Government Civil Hospital this morning.

AN emergency meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

IT is stated that Mr. H. Konsch, now Commissioner of Customs at Chinkiang, is to succeed Mr. E. McKean as Statistical Secretary, in charge of the department in the Peking Road, Shanghai.

THE directors of the Sheridan Mining Company have notified the shareholders that a dividend of two-and-a-half per cent., being the first dividend of 1891, has been declared, payable on the 17th inst.

THE rumours prevalent as to the probable withdrawal of the China Merchants' Co.'s steamer *Kiangkwan* from the Canton river, are authoritatively stated by our Shanghai morning contemporary to be mere *canards*.

BROTHER E. BOIS, W. M. of the Northern Lodge of China, E.C., was presented on Wednesday evening the 11th inst., at the regular meeting of the Lodge, Shanghai, with a very handsome solid silver tea-service as a wedding present.

DR. KOCH'S lymph has been introduced into Shanghai. The first inoculations took place there the other day. What's the matter with the Hongkong medicos? They are not usually so slow in scientific investigation.

WE would remind our readers that the third, and last but one, of the Patey concerts is announced for to-morrow evening. That the management has struck the vein of popularity by reducing the prices of admission, and in deciding upon a "Scottish night" is evident, and no doubt the company will, on this occasion, have the fullest support and patronage of the general public accorded them.

THE Chinese Government, says the San Francisco *Chronicle*, is trying to borrow $35,000,000 worth of silver at 4½ per cent., but seems to be unable to find purchasers for its bonds at 95 cents. The brief dispatch which informs us of this fact suggests the idea that the silver is to be used in the creation of a legal tender currency to take the place of the present confused and unsystematic money in use in the Chinese empire.

WE are glad to see that the suggestion thrown out sometime since by the *Telegraph* regarding the obvious necessity for the alteration of the conditions of the Honghong Derby, has been followed by the Stewards of the Jockey Club. That body has to-day issued a notice that in future the weights of Derby runners will be according to their inches, and not the standard 10st. 10lbs. of previous years. This much needed reform will altogether do away with the chances of those elongated tarantulas of the Ardent and Entertainer class and will, of course, bring all ponies on to practically even terms, and make the race much more interesting in consequence.

THE *Shên-pao* is responsible for the following:—"The forts round about Canton and along the coast are built of stones and earth. Viceroy Li Han-chang considers them to be powerless against the attacks of the heavy modern guns now used in the Army and Navy, and has decided to replace them by iron turret forts. A certain high English military official is now in Canton, giving instructions as to their construction and position, requesting at the same time that he be given the orders for material and work. He has since started in company with the deputy of the Board of Reorganisation, to inspect the forts along the coast." Who is the "certain high English military official"?

LEWIS SIQUERS, chief officer of the British bark *Wm. Le Lacheur*, was arrested yesterday afternoon by virtue of a warrant issued at the instance of Mr. J. J. Spooner, Chief Excise officer in the service of the Opium Farmer, and charged with being in possession of 200 taels of prepared opium without a valid certificate. He was brought before Mr. Wise this morning, and Mr. Hastings, of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon's office, who defended him, submitted that the defendant was lawfully in possession of the drug owing to the fact that the Captain, W. Auld, of the vessel in question, handed it to him to be taken care of. The defendant was, he said, in the employ of the Government of Honolulu as a constable and was placed on board the *Wm. Le Lacheur* to seize any opium smuggled on board, and in such capacity the accused did seize it. His Worship formally remanded the case till to-morrow, gave directions for the issue of a subpœna for the captain of the bark and stated he would allow the defendant out on bail in one surety of $500.

THE *Chinsei Nippo* gives the following "full and correct account of the discovery of the new seam at Takasima":—Having received indirect news regarding the discovery of a new coal seam, we dispatched a special reporter to Takasima to ascertain full particulars, and we give hereunder a full and correct account. In Takasima at present two seams are being worked and it is estimated their production will be exhausted in two or three years, and failing to discover after many attempts any other seams it was decided when the above seams become exhausted, to give up working Takasima. There is an old pit situated in the south-east of the island about 300 *kens* distant from Hyakumasaki, and was worked by the natives 70 years ago, but after 650 *shaku* were dug which took them some 30 years, the work was abandoned. To this pit the Mitsu Bishi Company have directed their attention, thinking that with perfect machinery the old seam formerly worked by the natives might give Takasima a new lease of life. The trial working was commenced in May 1889, and after boring through the fault they discovered a seam about eight *shaku* high, but when they had worked in three directions, some 480 *shaku*, a heavy layer of stone stopped further progress. Apparently there seemed to be then no future prospect in these three seams, but engineer Matsubayashi, the British employé Brown, and others resolved to cut through the stone layers if possible, with the result that they discovered two seams of 9 *shaku* and 3½ *shaku* thick. One hundred and twenty *shaku* have been dug at present, and as it is the same good quality coal they are believed to be the old 18 feet seams. When the survey is completed, and the report is a satisfactory one, the mine will be worked on a great scale. [Ten *shaku*=11.93 English inches.]

THE *Rising Sun* hears that a French vice-consul has been appointed to Nagasaki, and will shortly arrive there to take up the duties of the position.

H.M.S *Imperieuse* came out of the Admiralty Dock, Kowloon, this afternoon, after undergoing a general overhaul prior to being recommissioned.

AT the Criminal Sessions which open to-morrow only two cases are down on the calendar; the first being the highway robbery on Bowen Road, and the second the armed attack on a house in D'Aguilar Street.

A REPORT has reached Shanghai, says the *N. C. Daily News* of the 13th inst., that a Chinese lorcha named the *Chin-wan-tai*, from Ningpo to Shanghai, was in collision with the *Calidonien* outward bound on Saturday night, and that two of the lorcha's passengers are missing. The steamer lowered her boats, but as the lorcha did not sink they were hoisted up again, and the *Calidonien* proceeded.

SAYS the *Shanghai Mercury*:—We hear that there is a strong probability of a new tug-boat company being shortly started in Shanghai, and, from what we are told, the shareholders of the new enterprise will be composed mainly of persons connected with local shipping and insurance interests. It is said that a large and powerful sea-going tug, fitted with wrecking pump and diving apparatus, is to be built immediately, and will be followed by another, or possibly two, similar vessels to carry on the business of the company.

TWO Chinamen appeared before Mr. A. G. Wise at the Magistracy this morning, charged with having snatched a bangle from a child, and a pair of ear-rings from a woman in New Street yesterday. There was no evidence of violence adduced—it was simply a case of 'snatching,' yet the magistrate thought fit to pass a sentence of three months' imprisonment with hard labor, and in addition each prisoner is to receive twelve strokes with a rattan at the commencement of the term and the same number on leaving the gaol. If this is not wanton cruelty, what is it? It is a well known fact that after having received twelve 'strokes,' a prisoner has to lie on his face for a fortnight to allow the part to heal, yet these men, after having been flogged once and undergoing three months' rigorous imprisonment, are to receive additional punishment, which will cause them to be detained in gaol for virtually another fortnight, or be sent out with their persons lacerated to loaf on their friends—if they have any, or to die in a ditch if they haven't. Truly the blind goddess needs to have her scales adjusted in Hongkong.

THE *Shên-pao* tells us that on the 10th day of the 1st moon the Emperor presided at Tze Kuang Ko and entertained the representatives of the tributary States. There were present over thirty Mongolian princes, *beiles* and dukes, seventeen representatives from Kitaptinung, four from Mutukatu, two envoys, three vice-envoys and six secretaries from Kores, and over ten members of the aboriginal tribes of Szchuan. These participants were ushered in by the Board of Tributary States and the Board of Rites. While the entertainment was going on a review was held of the camp of wrestlers, of the camel brigade, and of the corps of "Invincibles." Sword and long pole practice then followed, together with races on bamboo horses and arrow shooting. Mohamedan tunes were played, and songs sung by a band of Mohamedan soldiers. On a platform about three feet square and three feet in height was placed a pine tree—a symbol of longevity and freshness—leading up to which was a flight of steps. A trained goat was let loose and ascended the steps, walked to the pine tree, knelt down, performed the *koutou*, and raising its horned head bellowed three times. Then it retraced its steps and descended the stairs backwards. The Emperor after distributing costly gifts retired, and the gathering broke up.

A DOWNY looking character who claimed to be the possessor of the appropriate name of Bill Swan, and three other sailor pals—all birds of a feather—Herdwick, Blaine and Felix Nix, to wit, left their native element, the water, and took to ardent spirits for a change, last night. They commenced operations at the "Rose Shamrock and Thistle," whence after a time they meandered on to "The Globe," "The Grand" and other select taverns in the locality. Their fun, in the meantime though, was of a very tame nature for strange to say, they could not find a single man who was willing to tackle the whole four at one time, so spoiling for a "rumpus" they walked abroad and ultimately ran against P.C. Duncan Fraser at the bottom of Pedder's Street. The temptation to "duck" Duncan in the "briny," was irresistable, and the four gallants at once set to work. A desperate struggle ensued and the weight of numbers was beginning to tell heavily against the constable, who at this time was being gradually worked to the edge of the pier, when two Highlanders belonging to the 91st Regiment, rushed to his rescue and probably saved him from a watery grave. The "drunks" were quickly overpowered and in a very short time were safely lodged in gaol. They were up before Mr. Wise this morning and were sentenced to twelve months,—no we mean to a fine of $5 with the alternative of sixteen days free lodging. We pause here to speculate on the relative values of a pair of brass ear-rings, and a policeman's life.

WE regret to learn from the North that our Tientsin contemporary, the *Chinese Times* is on its last legs, and will shortly cease publication. Started under the *ægis* of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. over four years ago, the *Times* has had a short but by no means undistinguished career, and it would perhaps not be too much to say that, within certain limits, it has fulfilled the main object for which it was originally established. We believe we are correct in assuming that the "long felt want" the *Chinese Times* was designed to supply was of a purely commercial character—in fact, it was an advocate of English interests as against German, French and American influences in reference to the Chinese Government, and doubtless its sudden demise may be safely attributed to the fact that its mission has been substantially fulfilled. As a representative of independent journalism our Tientsin colleague had no *status*, and it made no pretensions to figure as a purveyor of general news. Its circulation was consequently strictly limited, and notwithstanding the powerful support of "the princely house" in business patronage, the statement of accounts probably shows a considerable debit balance. The *Times* had the advantage of having on its staff, from time to time, several old China hands of distinguished literary ability, such as Mr. Michie, Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Donald Spence, and its editorials on Chinese subjects were almost invariably models of correct style, and replete with evidence of careful thought and wide information. But scholarly essays won't make a newspaper pay in these go-ahead days, and as these were the speciality and almost entire stock-in-trade of the Tientsin paper, its merits could scarcely hope to win appreciation from a numerous *clientèle*. We shall miss the *Chinese Times* and regret that its lines were not cast in better times.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Russell & Co.) that the "Union" Line steamer *Glenmorven* left Singapore for this port to-day, and may be expected to arrive on the 23rd inst.

THE enormous number of 2,759 duels are said to have been fought in Italy during the last twelve months. Fifty of the combatants were killed, while 3,901 wounds, some of them serious, were inflicted.

THE Korean correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes from Seoul under date February 28th:—"The libel case preferred in the Imperial German Consulate by Major Lee, of a militia regiment of the United States, and who has been drill instructor to the Korean army for some time, has been withdrawn. The suit was against Mr. Schönicke, the chief commissioner of Customs. The gallant Major is about to leave Korea for good, and return to the United States."

THE Attorney-General moved this morning that Mr. Harry Rutherford Parkes, B.A., son of the late Sir Harry Parkes, be admitted a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hongkong. The Chief Justice said "I have looked through these papers and have found them in order and I have, therefore, much pleasure in admitting Mr. Parkes to practice in this Court. As you say, Mr. Attorney, Mr. Parkes bears an honourable name; it is a name universally respected in China and Japan. Mr. Parkes in his practice may confidently look forward to every consideration from all concerned in the law, and I make the order that Mr. Parkes' name be added to the roll of Solicitors of this Court." Mr. Parkes joins the office of Messrs. Caldwell and Wilkinson.

THE Hamburg correspondent of the *L. & C. Express* writes on February 10th:—The Deutsche Dampschiffs Khederei (Kingsin Line), which recently opened a new line of steamers to Java, will, it is said, distribute no dividend for 1890. That will be a bad thing for all those shareholders who bought their securities at the very high quotation of 140 per cent. It is said that the bad result is in consequence of low homeward freights, in consequence of the failure in the rice crop of Japan; and it is added that the Board of Directors prefer to set aside the small net profit of the past year, as they do not know yet what result the new Sunda line will be. The pioneer steamer of that line, the *Salatiga*, which had to call at Amsterdam, was badly hurt by ice there, and only left Ymuiden a few days ago, being detained, therefore, for longer than a month.

A MEETING of members of the Polo Club was held in the Cricket Pavilion yesterday afternoon, to decide whether the usual Sky meeting under the auspices of the Club should be held or not. It was proposed some time ago that an afternoon's racing might easily be arranged, and that a day in April be fixed for the meeting. It appears, however, that there has been dissention in the camp, for it was stated yesterday that four cups, which had been promised as prizes, were now withdrawn. Whether this was owing to the donors having repented of their generosity, or to tightness of funds was not explained; but as the "pots" given at these little meetings—which have hitherto been of a most enjoyable nature—are generally valued at about $30, there seems to be more in this business than has been explained, and no doubt the usual underground engineering has been resorted to. On the question being put to the vote, it was decided by the narrow majority of two that the meeting be not held. Eight voted for, and ten against the proposal.

THE following is the finding of the Court of Enquiry in the matter of the recent stranding of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamer *Tokyo Maru* on the Japanese coast:—

The Court is of opinion that no blame is attributable to the master, James Drumamond, for this casualty, and therefore exonerates him, recommending that his certificate be returned to him. The casualty was caused by the chief officer, Henry E. Browning, who not only disobeyed the master's distinct and admitted orders given to him that morning, but also two of the orders in the master's night order-book which he had signed, viz., to call the master whenever the course was altered, and also, should the weather become foggy. The Court therefore recommends that his certificate be suspended for a period of twelve months.

President, EBIKO SUYEJIRO.
Assessors, MOUNTJOY SQUIRE. J. F. ALLEN. TOMIOKA SHUNJIRO. TORII SEIJI.

I hereby approve of this decision and direct that it be carried out accordingly.

(Signed) GOTO SHOJIRO, Count,
Minister of State for the Department of Communications.

Tokyo, 6th March, 1891.

The certificate of Captain Drummond was then handed back to him, and the Court was closed.

OUR old friend Capt. Marshall, whose name will always be closely associated with the wonderful record made by the steamship *Stirling Castle* in her memorable voyage from Shanghai to London, has lately been distinguishing himself in a new character—that of a public orator. Early last month the Managing Director (Mr. Richard Barnwell) of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ld., entertained about two hundred and fifty of the heads of departments, draughtsmen, clerks, and foremen to dinner in the new and spacious drawing offices of the Company, a large number of well-known gentlemen connected with shipping interests being present as guests. In response to the toast "The Navy, Army and Reserve Forces" Capt. Marshall said that among the reasons which led to his receiving his commission as Commander in the Royal Naval Reserve none would weigh more with those in authority than his intimate connection for many years past with the world-wide famed establishment over which Mr. Barnwell so worthily presided. (applause.) In making history he fancied a good deal could be done by looking back at history, and if they did this they found a Queen on the English throne in 1588 calling on her merchant capitains, or as they might truthfully term them, the Reserve force of that time; and in her day of peril these responded loyally to the call of good Queen Bess, and owing to the handiness and fleetness of their ships—merchant ships mark you—the Spanish Armada was driven off and destroyed. (applause.) In 1891 there was again a Queen on the British Throne and they found her and her advisers shewing their appreciation not only of the services of the officers of her merchant navy, but subsidising and acknowledging the fleetest of the steamers; and should the day of peril come again, he had no hesitation in saying that the Reserve Forces would do their duty in combination with the Royal Navy, as loyally and bravely for Victoria, as did Drake and Frobisher for Elizabeth. (applause.) If that day ever came, all he or any other Reserve man would ask for, would be good guns, a Fairfield ship—(applause)—driven by Fairfield engines and Fairfield men, a stick to fly the flags, and the signal that "England expects every man to do his duty" and he guaranteed that once again history and victory would repeat themselves. (applause.)

THE French gunboat *Aspic* arrived at Shanghai from Tientsin on the 12th inst.

THE steamer *Swatow*, despatched from Shanghai for Wuhu by Messrs. Melchers & Co. on the 12th inst., ran badly ashore at Half-way Point the same afternoon. She got off next day, without having sustained any apparent damage, and proceeded on her voyage.

THE commanders of vessels sailing hence to Australia may be interested to know that a *Notice to Mariners* has just been received here from Brisbane which runs as follows:—A derelict is reported to be floating in the track of vessels, and when last seen was bearing about west-half-north from Point Onslow, South Percy Island.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* reports that a collision occurred in the Peiho on the 5th instant between the steamers *Fetching* and *Hasting*. Whilst the *Hasting* was lying in the Vegetable Bend the *Feiching* struck her on the starboard quarter, carrying away two boats' davits, bending several stanchion rails, &c. The damage done was unimportant.

LAWRENCE BARRETT, the well-known American actor, has lately produced a play by that conceited crank Oscar Wilde, entitled "Guido Ferranti." It is comforting to read that it is a pronounced failure. In this original production Oscar has "adapted" quite a host of familiar quotations; he even speaks of "foul, unnatural murder." It is suggested that Oscar may have written "Hamlet."

AT the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow afternoon the Orders of the Day will be:—

(1). Financial Minutes.

(2). Report of the Finance Committee (Vote for Military Contribution.)

(3). First reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Printers and Publishers Ordinance, 1886."

(4). First reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the naturalization of Lau Sai, *alias* Lau Wai Ch'iin."

(5). Committee on the Bill entitled "The Gambling Ordinance, 1891."

IN the *Peking Gazette* of the 4th March there is the first announcement of the Audience, which is thus translated:—"At half-past eleven to-morrow the Emperor will receive in audience at the Tze Kuang Ko all the nations." Then follows a decree mentioning the high officials at Peking and in the provinces, whom the Emperor, after the triennial examination, finds deserving of special notice and recognition. These are:—

Prince Li
O-lo-ho-pu,
Chang-Chih-wan, } Grand Secretaries.

Hsü King-shên, President of the Board of War.

Sun Yü-wên, President of the Board of Punishments.

Li Hung-chang, Viceroy of Chihli.

Chang Chih-tung, Viceroy of Hukuang.

Chang Yao, Governor of Shantung.

The Board of Civil Office is to consult as to what reward should be bestowed on these most eminent servants of the Throne. It will no doubt surprise Lord Wolseley, and other home writers who believe in the repression of the Chinese by the so-called "Tartars," that out of the eight selected names only two are Manchus. The following notice appears in the *Gazette* of the 6th inst.:—"At noon on the 5th inst. the Emperor received in audience the Ministers of the various nations, Brandt, Denby, Walsham, Otori, Panza, Fergusson, and the *Chargés d'affaires* Uribarri, Kliemonow, Ristelhueber, and Michel."

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary half-year meeting of shareholders in the above named Company was held at the Company's Hotel, this afternoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to "31st December, 1890, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss matters that might conveniently be brought before the meeting." There were present:—Messrs. D. McCulloch (Chairman); E. Jones Hughes, Ho Tung, J. F. C. da Roza (Directors); P. Ryrie, W. H. Gaskell, H. G. James, W. H. Wallace, A. G. Stokes, N. J. Robinson, H. T. S. Green, W. Ozorio, J. H. Cox, J. G. Phillippo, I. S. Perry, R. Lyall (Secretary) and others.

The Chairman in opening the proceedings said:—Gentlemen, with your permission we will take the report and accounts as read. The report, I think, speaks for itself. The Hotel's business for the past six months shows a falling off both from local receipts and the number of people passing through here, who were fewer as compared with the last six months of 1889. The current half-year has opened fairly well. At present the Hotel is quite full, and there is every prospect of ample business for some time to come. With regard to the accounts: the "Hotel Property Account" represents the land and buildings now occupied; "Remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 7" represents the land and building in course of erection on Melcher's old site; "Praya Reclamation" is, of course, the lot now being reclaimed; "Sundry Debtors" are accounts owing to the Company, and, the same account is now reduced to $9,661.90. On the other side are Debentures 4 lacs—1 lac has been drawn and is payable on the 19th April, 1½ lacs is payable on the 19th April 1893, and the balance is payable on the 19th April 1895. "Sundry Creditors" are the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank $107,581; Interest on Debentures from 19th October to 31st December 1890, $4,800; Directors' and Auditors' fees $1,150; and the other items are salaries and other current expenses. The "Net Earnings" of the Hotel, less all charges and expenses in connection with the same—with the exception of what you see stated in the printed accounts—plus the rents of the Hotel's shops. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be happy to answer any questions in connection with them that shareholders may desire to ask.

Mr. W. H. Gaskell said:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, for some time past I have tried in vain to obtain certain information regarding the working expenses of the Hotel. Failing in this, I trusted that the report when published would have supplied the desired details, but I find that the document before us, like its predecessors, is so ingeniously contrived, that it is impossible to trace, particularise, or identify any items of expenditure. There is then no recourse left to me but to endeavour at this meeting to elicit from the Directors the information I require. Before putting my questions *seriatim*, I will preface them by stating that in my opinion the Hotel Company is practically insolvent. The Directors have the assurance to ask that three lacs of new capital be offered to the shareholders at a premium of 20 per cent. when the market quotation of shares is $120 sellers, and no buyers. The alleged object for "watering" the stock in this manner is to enable the Company to pay off a portion of the existing four lacs of debentures. As the whole of this new capital cannot be applied to payment of these debentures, as the finances of the Company are so heavily encumbered by mortgage to be made on account of the new wing, reclamation &c. Now, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me remarkable that you and your co-director have not made an effort to obtain temporary assistance from say, the Land Investment Co., who would probably have been able to render you some aid had you approached them at the proper time and in a proper manner. You, however, have preferred to attempt to double the capital of your Company at an exorbitant premium, when you can only pay a wretched 6 per cent. by the greatest exertion, on your original capital of 3 lacs. I am not aware whether you have good reason to think that the new issue will be subscribed for, or if the Banks will advance on the new shares in view of the fact that all the security the Company can offer is already hypothecated against the debentures. In face, therefore, of the grave doubts as to the floating of this new issue at a heavy or any premium, I am astounded that you should have so lightly concluded that your liabilities on debenture account could be so easily met. You hope to raise three lacs to meet these other liabilities, but it appears to me that in your present embarrassed position not even five lacs would suffice. The item 'Sundry Creditors' $114,993.92, is a disgrace to the report. Such a large sum should not appear without full details. This method of manipulating accounts has been commented on very severely by many of the shareholders: 'Share account, $16,479.19.' This item has also been severely criticised. I do not think that it is within the province of the Directors or of a hotel company to borrow money from the Bank at 7 per cent., and with it speculate in shares. In this connection the Directors deserve the greatest censure, and they ought to be made liable to the Hotel Company for any loss they may have incurred on these shares. The management of the hotel under Mr. Tucker is, to say the least, most casual. The charges he is empowered to make are most immoderate. Complaints are rife from all sides, even from your own tenants, as to his scant courtesy and disobliging manner. I don't think there is anything more I can usefully add, but I trust—altho' I do not expect—to find a better state of things prevailing before your next Report is issued; and I now beg to ask in detail some questions I have indicated. Now I will thank you, Mr. Chairman, to state how much was paid to the contractor on account of the new North Wing?

The Chairman—You'll find it in the printed accounts.

Mr. Gaskell—But it isn't there?

The Chairman—It is! The amount transferred from remaining portion of marine lot. No. 7 is brought forward from last report.

Mr. Gaskell—But how much has been paid?

The Chairman—It is stated in the accounts.

Mr. Gaskell—Your reply is not satisfactory. You wont give me the information I ask for.

The Chairman—If you'd sent in before and asked about it I should have been prepared to go into details—now I'm not.

Mr. Gaskell—This is not the first time I've asked questions without getting a satisfactory reply. I have asked the Secretary previously about this and other matters, and have failed to get satisfactory information. Now, as regards "Sundry Creditors," $114,993.92: Will you kindly tell me how that heavy sum is made up?

The Chairman—I've already explained that in my speech, but may add that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is a creditor to the extent of $107,581 for overdrafts.

Mr. Gaskell—Overdrafts against what?

The Chairman—The money has been used in the current business of the Company, but—

Mr. J. H. Cox—Probably a portion of the amount was brought forward from the last half-year's account?

The Chairman—Yes. Really you must give notice of such questions of detail. If you apply to the Office or to the Secretary you will be able to ascertain such matters of detail.

Mr. Gaskell—Can I get the details I want from the Secretary to-morrow? I want full details of the $114,933.92.

The Chairman—I'll give directions for you to have any I think should be given in the interests of the shareholders.

Mr. Gaskell—To what account is the amount of commission paid out on account of New Wing debited?

The Chairman—It is customary to debit the expenses of the unoccupied portion at 6 per cent. When that comes into occupation the whole building will be charged.

Mr. Gaskell—What are the "Sundry Debtors" amounting to 20,000 odd dollars.

The Chairman—"Sundry Debtors" is now reduced by $9,961.90, and the other is in course of collection.

Mr. Gaskell—Do you think the other $11,000 will be collected before the next report?

The Chairman—Yes, if pressure is put on some of them. But they object to being pressed.

Mr. Gaskell—I would like you to say whether shareholders are secured by a first mortgage on the property?

The Chairman—As you yourself drew up the Bond you should know very well.

Mr. Gaskell—Considering I did not draw it up, but merely worked out interest tables for you, I really don't know anything about it.

The Chairman said the company was a large holder of the bonds drawn, and he had no doubt those who had drawn bonds would take them up; if not, others would do so.

Mr. Gaskell—I understand they are not satisfied with the security—they have doubts.

The Chairman—That is not so.

Mr. Gaskell—Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Phillippo then put some questions relative to the "Share Account," and got a promise from the Chairman that he should be informed on the subject. He also desired to know what amount of commission had been paid to the architect. He heard the "com." amounted to $3,400. He was told:—"If paid it doesn't matter. When it is paid it will be written off and debited in the usual way." After a further question the Chairman said it would be debited to "Property Account." The interrogator, continuing, asked where all the damages in connection with the suit with Mr. Chater were to be found in the accounts. He could only find Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Masters' account. The Chairman said he would find it all in the last account.

Mr. Cox—Is the last account the amount debited was about $5,000, if I remember correctly.

Mr. Phillippo, after thanking the Chairman for the information vouchsafed, resumed his seat.

The Chairman then formally moved the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

Mr. P. Ryrie, in seconding, said he thought some of Mr. Gaskell's questions were proper, but he thought they should give the Board credit for working with fair success while circumstances had been against them. There had been legal expenses, various difficulties in the way, and the running business was not what it might have been. He thought they had not to look very far afield to know the causes of the losses. There had been bad times in this colony, and they were not much better now. He thought the present outlook was favourable and he had no doubt the Board was doing its best to make the concern profitable. With the exception of certain extraneous matters the results, so far, had been fairly satisfactory. All that was wanted was a current of prosperous times to make the concern pay larger dividends than hitherto. The new building would increase the value of the property by making it possible to accommodate more visitors. He heard

recently that an order for 100 bedrooms for travellers on the new Canadian Pacific Co.'s steamer had been received, but that owing to lack of rooms it could not be complied with in full, so some of the people would go elsewhere. He thought the accounts were fairly satisfactory, and had much pleasure in seconding the proposition for their adoption.

The motion was then put to the vote and carried.

DIRECTORS.

The Chairman then said the re-election of himself as a Director was before the meeting.

Mr. J. H. Cox arose to propose his re-election, but Mr. Phillippo, seconded by Mr. Gaskell, was ahead of him, so he resumed his seat at once.

The re-election was carried.

Mr. Ho Tung was also re-elected, upon the motion of Mr. J. H. Cox seconded by Mr. I. S. Perry.

With the re-appointment of Messrs. J. H. Cox and H. T. S. Green as auditors—upon the motion of Mr. W. H. Wallace seconded by Mr. Phillippo—the proceedings closed.

ANOTHER CHINESE RENDITION CASE.

A BORNEO EMIGRANT IN TROUBLE.

Wong Mun, *alias* Fat Amun, who was recently deported from Borneo to this Colony, was brought before Mr. Wise at the Police Court this morning. The prisoner was arrested in First Street recently, by virtue of a warrant issued at the instance of the Chinese authorities who alleged that the prisoner had committed acts of piracy and murder on the high seas near Hongkong in the month of June, 1888.

William Stanton, Inspector of Police, said:—By virtue of a warrant I went to No. 75, First Street with Sergeant McIver and two Chinese constables, and arrested the prisoner in a cock-loft. One of the Chinese constables pointed the prisoner out to me.

Ho Akai said:—I was a sailor on board a small junk and now keep a vegetable store at Nam Ho village in the Tai-lan district of the province of Kwangtung. On the 27th June, 1888, I was master of a junk that left Tung-chun on a voyage to Hongkong *vid* Samun. I had on board 10 piculs of fish, 10 pigs, 70 taels of silver and, including myself and son, there were four people on board. On the 20th of that month we were lying becalmed off Samun, fully 50 *cheungs* from the land. A boat containing pirates came off from a small island. It came near us and then, while shouting out, they fired a gun. It was very near sun-down at the time. Before the pirates got alongside they fired fully 10 shots at my junk, and one of them wounded my helmsman. They came close alongside, and as they boarded us they also fired. Neither I nor any of my people resisted. The prisoner fired at my helmsman, mortally wounded him, and then pushed the body overboard. The name of the helmsman was Cheung Ki. The prisoner and his gang had guns and pistols. Prior to the piracy the defendant was pointed out to me at Yau-ma-ti by a friend. The friend said "Do you know him, he is a *pa-ta-wi*,—he is a pirate, so you had better take care and say nothing to him." After killing the helmsman, my men and I were put in the hold and the hatchways were closed over us. Late at night we were driven ashore. I spoke to the prisoner when he was driving us ashore, and said "take all you want, but give me back my boat." Prisoner replied "If you want your boat go to Yau-ma-ti and look out for Pa-tung-wo." Then we were landed. There were three of us, Lum Asing, my son and myself. During the night we walked overland to Kowloon city, getting there at breakfast time. I and a friend reported the matter to the officials at Kowloon. The total value of my cargo was: pigs 10 *taels*, fish 15, silver 70 *taels*. The boat was worth 120 *taels*. After petitioning the mandarins at Kowloon I did nothing until the 28th of Feb. last. I arrived at Chinese Kowloon in accordance with instructions received. On the 3rd March of this year I saw and identified the prisoner in Victoria Gaol. I am positive that the prisoner was the leader of the pirates that attacked my junk.

Cross-examined—I have not known you for 10 years. I am not your friend. The only time I saw you was at Yau-ma-ti, as stated in my evidence.

The prisoner—Since he denies, I have no more to ask.

Lum Sheng, said:—I am a seaman and live at the same village as the last witness. On the 27th of June, 1888, I was on board the last witness' junk. On the 29th we were lying becalmed 60 *cheungs* off Samun, when pirates attacked and robbed us. The attack was at the time of the evening meal. Before coming alongside the pirates fired at us. The pirates, led by the prisoner, attacked us, shot Cheung Ki the helmsman, and threw his body overboard. The prisoner had a revolver in his hand. Some of the pirates had rifles, others revolvers and others swords. I have never seen the prisoner before, but I know his name because our captain told me it was Wong Amun. The pirates ran our junk ashore at Tallung-wan; they then drove us all ashore and we walked to Kowloon and reported to the mandarins at Chinese Kowloon. After that I went back to my native village. About the 2nd March I saw the prisoner in the gaol here, and identified him. I am quite certain the prisoner is the man that led the pirates.

Lao Fai-ting, Commandant of the fortress at Chinese Kowloon, said:—I know the spot where the piracy took place. It is called Samun by Hongkong people, but it is correctly styled Sam Sulmun. It is in Chinese territory and within my jurisdiction. The prisoner is a Chinese subject.

H.C. 174 stated:—On the 23rd February last at 5 p.m. I went with Inspector Stanton to No. 75, First Street and there, in a cock-loft, saw the prisoner and "grabbed" him. I have known the prisoner five or six years ago, at Yau-ma-ti, where I was stationed. At that time he bore a bad character. He was known as a pirate. He has the reputation of being a pirate. For the past two years I have not seen him. I don't know where he has been. I arrested the prisoner and took him to the Central Station. In the Charge Room the prisoner said he had been abroad for five or six years, in Singapore first of all and afterwards in Borneo. He also said he had been sent away from Borneo by the authorities and had returned very recently.

William Stanton, Inspector of Police, recalled, said:—On the 2nd March I had the prisoner mixed up with eleven others in the gaol compound. The first witness was brought in and picked out the prisoner at once. The second witness was subsequently called in and after slight deliberation pointed the prisoner out.

Asked whether he would make a statement or reserve his defence, the prisoner elected to make a statement. He said:—The two Chinese witnesses are my friends. Both of them bring salt to the colony for sale, and, we are all salt-smugglers. I have been away some years—in Singapore five years and in Borneo a year. When arrested by the Inspector I did not know the charge. On the 13th of February of this year I embarked on board a steamer at Borneo and arrived here on the 18th. On the 23rd of February, about meal-time, the detectives came to my place. They said "there is a girl missing." I said, "there is no girl here." They said, "you broke open some one's box and took 230 odd dollars." They then took my keys and searched the place thoroughly. At the Station I was told that I was charged with murder. I have lived over twenty years at East Point, and about six years at Yau-ma-ti. I went to Singapore when 31 years old, and in the first month of last year went to Borneo, where I worked at felling trees for a while. I fell sick and was cured. I got into trouble with the police at Sandakan because I wanted to bail a friend out of prison. When I got to the Station there a policeman got hold of me and said I must get security for my good behaviour, and added I was a bad character—a runaway from Hongkong. I meant to go to Annam and came here to borrow money for that purpose.

His Worship—You are committed to gaol. You will not be rendited for 15 days at least, during which time you can apply to the Supreme Court for a writ of *habeas corpus*.

The prisoner was then removed.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The following is the Committee's report for the year ended the 31st December, 1890, which will be presented at the annual meeting of members, convened for Friday the 20th March:—

CONVENTION BETWEEN THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND THE TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

The position of affairs as regards the much discussed action on the part of the Telegraph Companies has not materially changed since last year inasmuch as up to the present time the Convention remains unratified. Your Committee considered that probably the most effective manner of opposing the convention would be a direct appeal to Her Majesty. A petition was accordingly drawn up, and an invitation to other Chambers in China and Japan to co-operate met with a ready response. The petition prayed that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to withhold her sanction to the ratification of the Convention, and among other contentions prominence was given to the fact that any approach to granting a monopoly or exclusive privileges was calculated to endanger the rights conveyed by the "most favoured Nation" clause in the existing treaties between Her Majesty and the Emperor of China. The Chambers of Amoy, Foochow, Hankow, Hiogo, Shanghai, Tientsin and Yokohama supported the petition which was widely circulated and, as shewn in annexed copies of correspondence, generally approved of. The petition was forwarded through the local Government and duly acknowledged, eliciting the following remarks from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies as detailed in the Colonial Secretary's letters of 29th October, and 22nd November: "That the question of the Convention between China and the Telegraph Companies is now in abeyance, and the representations of your Chamber on the subject will be considered by Her Majesty's Government," and: "That the question of the Convention made in 1887 between the Chinese Government and the Telegraph Companies is now in abeyance, and that the representations of the Petitioners will be considered by Her Majesty's Government."

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES IN THE CHEFOO CONVENTION (OPENING OF CHUNGKING).

The advantages that might naturally be expected to follow the opening of another port to foreign trade promise to be greatly minimized by the restrictive conditions with which the trade of Chungking is hampered, the employment of steamers not being permitted. The Committee when corresponding with London on the subject strongly deprecated relinquishing the right of free navigation of the Upper Yangtze, and regretted that Her Majesty's Minister at Peking was, apparently, not instructed to oppose the vacillating and temporising policy of the Chinese Government, whose persistent obstructiveness at every stage of the proceedings secured them a diplomatic victory which will certainly not smooth the way for further negotiations at a future date. Your Committee also regret that the valuable rights which were conferred by the Government under the Chefoo Convention that the port of Chungking should be open to foreign commerce on a steamer being able to enter that port, should have been so lightly abandoned by the British Government.

ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS, AND TO FRAUDULENT MARKS ON MERCHANDISE.

The Committee, in replying to a request by his Excellency the Governor to express their views on the above Ordinance, stated as regards the first that they were inclined to think increased legislative powers in that direction hardly necessary. It appeared to them that to carry out the objects contemplated in the Ordinance with perfect efficiency would require the maintenance of a staff and involve an expenditure incompatible with the trade requirements of the Colony. An elaborate system of registration in the United Kingdom gives protection to the owners of trade marks who can further protect themselves here by registration under the existing Ordinance, and there are at present no local productions that appear likely to seek special protection. As regards the second Ordinance they considered it also aimed at an increased scope of legislative power which in the present position of the trade seemed hardly required.

EMIGRATION OF CHINESE COOLIES FROM SWATOW TO BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

Her Britannic Majesty's Officiating Consul drew the attention of the Chamber to an apparent misapprehension that had arisen regarding the emigration of Chinese coolies from the above port to British North Borneo by British steamers. He pointed out that at his request official notices had been posted by the Taotai informing the natives "that they were at perfect liberty to emigrate to that country in steamers employed by any British Merchants in Swatow." Notwithstanding this permission no emigration can, as yet, take place from Swatow.

LIGHTHOUSE BOARD.

The Committee have continued to impress upon the Government the desirability of the appointment of such a Board, arguing that any proposal calculated to promote the interests of shipping business in Hongkong was deserving of every consideration. The Committee assumed that among other duties devolving upon the Board would be the supervision of lighthouses, the regulation and collection of dues, and their appropriation to the specific purposes for which they are levied. It was suggested that the Board should comprise of two members appointed by the Government, one of whom should always be Chairman, and two others appointed by this Chamber. The importance of the figures involved is shewn in the following Returns obtained from the Government by the Hon. Phineas Ryrie on behalf of the Chamber.

Between 1875 and 1889, both years inclusive, the amount of light dues collected was	$341,676.17
Against expenditure for original cost of Lighthouses and upkeep during that period	$161,738.57
Leaving a balance of Revenue over Expenditure of	$179,937.60

The question of a Board was first mooted in the Legislative Council on 12th February, 1890, and favourably commented on by his Excellency the Governor, whose opinions, apparently, have since materially altered, as in reply to a question put by the Hon. T. H. Whitehead (the Chamber's representative) in the Legislative Council on the 5th instant his Excellency stated—

"I will answer that question myself. In reply to the first part I may say that no steps have been taken. I have also to say that the Government have no proposals and that they have no intention at present of taking any steps in the matter. I can only take up the subject when it is clearly shown to me—which has not been shown yet—that some work of the Government is ill done which a Lighthouse Board could do better. I have only had suggestions made to me, but when I am convinced it will be my duty to take the matter up fully. I am not yet convinced, and I cannot see that there would be any immediate advantage by doing things in the way you suggest."

DIRECT CABLE COMMUNICATION WITH GAP ROCK.

The attention of the Government was called to the desirability of connecting the Gap Rock lighthouse with Hongkong either by telegraph, or if practicable by telephone. Such a connection would possess the double advantage of keeping up communication between the authorities and their employés at such times as the weather rendered ordinary intercourse dangerous, or impossible, and of affording early information of the approach of vessels from the South. The expenditure would be considerable, but the Committee think the ends aimed at would justify a large outlay, the funds for which might be easily raised if such a course was found desirable. From information received from Mr. Judd, Manager of the Eastern Extention, Australian and China Telegraph Company, it appears that the most suitable description of cable would cost £11,550, while one of lighter construction could be obtained for £9,650.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION CLOSE TO GAP ROCK.

A notification appeared in the *Government Gazette* of 6th September last, calling attention to the existence of several dangers close to the Gap Rock, and warning shipmasters not to approach on either side closer than 1¼ cables length. The Committee addressed Commodore Church on the subject and were informed that he did not consider the rocks referred to as dangerous to navigation.

SURVEY OF THE COAST OF CHINA.

The survey was renewed on the return of H.M.S. *Rambler* in September, when she resumed operations for a short time in the Chusan Archipelago. She has since left the station, but will, it is reported, be replaced by H.M.S. *Egeria* on her return from the South.

PINNACLE ROCK FUND.

The short time the surveying vessel remained on the Station during the past year hardly admitted of any further distributions from the Fund, and no calls were upon it.

LOCAL WEATHER SIGNALS.

The present system of typhoon warnings displayed at Kowloon having proved inefficient, the Committee put themselves in communication with Commodore Church in the hope that he might have it in his power to supplement the present system by a display of day and night signals from H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel*, indicating the approach of bad weather. Commodore Church in reply stated that he had no objections to repeating the weather day signals which might be made from the Observatory, but he could not undertake to show any night signals from his vessel, as he is specially charged with making certain signals at night which, together with typhoon warnings, would lead to confusion. His Excellency the Governor has already expressed to the Chamber his dissatisfaction with the working of the Observatory as regards storm warnings, which the Committee think ought to be the Director of the Observatory's first care.

REDUCTION IN POSTAL RATES TO EUROPE.

The Committee were asked for an expression of opinion regarding a proposed reduction in postages to Europe (which has since come into operation) and stated that they approved of the change, on principle, as a benefit to trade and doing away with the anomaly of heavier rates of postage being charged by English mails than by those of other countries. With the meagre information in their possession they were not in a position to express any decided opinion as to the probable effects of the proposed change on the revenue of the Colony's Postal department. It was suggested as a means of, in a great measure, obviating the loss or profit on exchange to alter the value of the local stamps for homeward postages from local currency to sterling. The necessity of reduction in the present allowances to other countries through which letters from Hongkong pass was also referred to.

SUNDAY LABOUR IN THE HARBOUR OF HONGKONG.

The question has been carried considerably beyond the limits of discussion arrived at when first brought to the notice of the Chamber by the Rev. Mr. Goldsmith two years ago. A deputation from the British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association advocating the total stoppage of Sunday work in the harbour waited upon the Committee. They in their reply stated, while fully sympathising with those who were endeavouring to abolish Sunday labour, they were unable to agree with their contention that the question under existing circumstances was one for settlement by legislative enactment. The interests involved are, in the opinion of the Committee, too varied and extended to admit of the general application of any law abolishing Sunday labour.

MERCHANT SHIPPING AMENDMENT ACT (NO. 2) BILL.

The above Bill having reference to the shipment of deck-loads of timber, the treatment of live cattle as cargo, and bulkheads for iron vessels was referred to the Committee. As deck-loads of timber, and shipment of live cattle, in no way affect the trade of the Colony, on these points, the Committee had no remarks to offer, but as regards bulkheads in iron vessels they thought the requirements of the Act would be sufficiently cared for by the local Surveyors in the ordinary course of their duties, when reporting on the condition of vessels trading with this port.

SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

The tentative efforts at organisation referred to in last year's Report have culminated in the establishment of the above Association. The Committee have had the opportunity of congratulating the members on having formed themselves into a co-operate body, and also of expressing an opinion regarding the proposed scale of brokerages, which they consider are equitable and suitable to the existing share business in Hongkong.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Hon. A. P. MacEwen having resigned on his leaving the Colony, the Hon. T. H. Whitehead was nominated as his successor and elected at a general meeting of members held on 18th September to represent the Chamber in the Legislative Council.

MEMBERS.

During the past year Mr. W. G. Brodie resigned, and the names of The Trust and Loan Company of China, Japan & the Straits, Limited, Messrs. Chatfield & Yeomans, W. H. Young, E. & O. S. Coxon, Cowasjee Pallanjee & Co., Ming Kee Hong, Wy Sing Hong, Yuen Fat Hong, Cohen & Georg, Joseph & Levy, H. Z. Just, G. H. Potts, E. C. Ray, T. I. Rose and G. D. Scott have been added to the list of members.

FINANCE.

The Accounts have been audited by Mr. J. Thurburn and Mr. E. W. Rutter.

The balance at the credit of the Chamber was $213.48, exclusive of $5,250 on fixed deposit, and $2,357.25 at credit of the "Pinnacle Rock Fund" also on fixed deposit, both amounts being in the hands of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE SECRETARY.

Dr. Jan. to Dec., 1890.		
To Rent, 12 months		$ 600.00
" Secretary's Salary, Oct. to Dec. '89, and Jan. to Aug. '90		1,375 00
" Clerk's Salary		575.00
" Servants' Wages		104 00
" Auditors' Fees		40.00
" Printing Circulars, &c		980.60
		$ 3,674.60
" Fixed Deposit—re-deposited		5,250.00
" Reuter's Political Telegrams	3,600.00	
" Printing and Circulating same	120.00	
		3,720.00
" Subscriptions to Newspapers	109.18	
" Advertising	36.40	
" Telegrams	37.97	
" Postage and Receipt Stamps, Stationery and Petties	172.07	
		355.62
" Lawyer's Fee		100.00
		$13,100.22
Balance to New Account		213 48
		$13,313.70

Cr. Jan. to Dec., 1890.		
By Balance from last Account		$ 226.21
" Subscriptions of Members—1890	$2,235.00	
" Sales of Circulars including Postages		
From 1st Oct. to 31st Dec., 1889	$285.24	
From 1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1890	$955.04	
	1,240.28	
" Subscriptions to Political Telegrams	4,082.04	7,557.32
" Fixed Deposit repaid by Hongkong and Shanghai Bank		5,250.00
" 12 months' interest on same at 5 per cent		262.50
" Interest on Current Account		17.67
		$13,313.70

Dependencies at debit:—	
Secretary's Salary	$ 500.00
By Balance brought down	$ 213.48
Dependencies at credit:—	
For Circulars for quarter ending 31st December, 1890	$ 345.25
By Fixed Deposit with Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at 5 per cent.	$5,250.00
"Pinnacle Rock" Fund:—	
By Fixed Deposit with Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation at 5 per cent.	$2,245.00
12 months' interest on same at 5 per cent.	112.25
	$2,357.25

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1890.

F. HENDERSON, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.

JOHN J. THURBURN, E. W. RUTTER, } Auditors.

MR. GEO. C. MILN'S VISIT TO HONGKONG.

Announcement is made in our advertising columns that a short season of legitimate drama will be inaugurated by Mr. Geo. C. Miln, the eminent Shakespearean actor, at the Theatre Royal, on Saturday evening next.

Mr. Miln is supported by Miss Louise Jordan, a fashionable society actress and an *artiste* of genius, and a company which is universally pronounced to be the most powerful dramatic organization that has yet visited the East.

Amongst the members of the company may be mentioned the following well-known favorites of the English and Australian stage:—Miss Kate Douglas, Miss Ruby Bowman, Miss Francis Ross, Miss Dora Thacker, Messrs. W. J. Montgomery, Wilmot Eyre, J. B. Atholwood, J. H. Nunn, Clement Wakefield, J. Stark, A. Money, and Harry Hill.

Mr. Miln also brings with him a complete equipment of scenery, wardrobe and properties, including beautiful settings painted by the well-known artist, John Hennings; costumes imported from London and Paris, and properties which were specially manufactured for Mr. Miln's productions in Melbourne, which were recognised by the Australian press as being at once the most appropriate in regard to archæological fidelity, and the most magnificent from a spectacular point of view ever seen in the Antipodean colonies.

Mr. Miln himself is not only an actor, but a scholar and author of considerable note. He also excels as a lecturer, and it is to be hoped that during his stay in Hongkong he may be induced to give his famous lecture on "The Church and Stage as kindred Forces."

During his recent tour through Australasia, Mr. Miln met with phenomenal success, and according to contemporaries he is regarded as the greatest exponent of the legitimate drama that has ever visited the colonies.

It was during his lessee-ship of the Melbourne Opera House that a critic remarked "that for processions, for all the graceful artifices of pageantry, for ingenious devices of scenery, for all the glamour, in short, that surrounds a manager of marked taste and boundless liberality, Mr. Miln's theatre was deservedly famous. Not that he pandered to a popular love of show, but acted rather upon a rooted conviction in his mind that it is his business as an artist to give to a scene in Shakespeare the most perfect *vraisemblance* to the eye. Mr. Miln is also most untiring in his efforts to make the play as vivid to the mind as to the vision. On the stage he is said to be an autocrat, but he spares neither himself nor others."

Although of course the facilities for spectacular effects are comparatively limited on a stage like that of the City Hall, yet we understand Mr. Miln is a manager who not only accommodates himself to local exigencies but makes the most of the materials he has to work upon. The forthcoming performances are consequently likely to prove both complete and appropriate, spectacularly and thoroughly even, and individually strong from a dramatic point of view.

The Melbourne *Argus* thus referred to Miss Louise Jordan's Impersonation of Ophelia:—

"Miss Jordan made her appearance as Ophelia, a part which rarely finds a completely successful representative. It requires a lady, young and well favored, able to understand the language and meaning of Shakespeare, and to interpret that meaning, a combination of attributes rare to find upon the stage. Miss Jordan is that *rara avis*. With a handsome stage presence, a remarkably sweet voice, a slight figure and—rarest gift of all for the rendering of Shakespearian women—the *spirituelle* appearance of a delicate creature, she combines a bright and intelligent delivery and a naturalness and gracefulness of manner as admirable as it is unusual upon the stage. There is a charm about her maidenliness which is irresistible."

During the Hongkong season the following *repertoire* of plays will be given:—Hamlet, Merchant of Venice, Romeo and Juliet, Lady of Lyons, Richard III., Ingomar, Othello, Rob Roy, A Fool's Revenge, Richelieu, and Macbeth.

The box plan for each performance is now open at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Limited, and the management have wisely decided to make no increase in the usual popular prices of admission. Saturday's performance is under the patronage of H. E. the Governor and Lady des Vœux.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, 16th March, 1891.

Three pirates were captured on board the steamship *Powan* this morning fully armed with revolvers and knives, and with dynamite in their boxes. It appears they were "suspects" and some Chinese detectives, sent by the Canton Government to "shadow" them, followed them on board the steamer at Hongkong and kept a careful watch upon them throughout the passage. This morning just as the steamer turned into the straight reach, up past the Roman Catholic Cathedral, the detectives pounced on their prey and quickly had them secured and searched, with the above-mentioned satisfactory evidence as to their character. On arrival at the Steamboat Co.'s wharf a guard of soldiers was promptly in attendance, and the miscreants, well lashed up and guarded, were at once conveyed into the city to meet their justly-merited doom.

Heavy thunder-storms are prevailing here, reducing sickness and supplying the long-desired want of rain. A grotesque idol from the Whampoa temple was brought up here as a last resource to move the 'Clerk of the Weather,' and it was returned to its abode attended by grand ceremony this morning, having worked the oracle to John Chinaman's complete satisfaction.

THE AUDIENCE AT PEKING.

On the 5th March, says the *Chinese Times*, all the Foreign Ministers, with their secretaries, interpreters and *attachés*, left the different Legations, all in green chairs, for the Tzu Kuang Ko. Comment was provoked by this indiscriminate mode of progression, for nobody knew which was the Minister and which the subordinate, the green chair, a mark of the highest distinction, being used even by young and quite inconsiderable persons not officially attached to the Legations. When the procession reached the North gate leading into the garden near the Marble Bridge, the Ministers and others left their chairs and proceeded on foot to a kind of small pavilion where a collation was served, and where the party waited an hour surrounded by mandarins and a crowd of roughs, chair coolies (not those of the legations, who had been left outside), workmen, gardeners, porters and coolies, who peered in at the windows and even allowed themselves to make digital examination of the uniforms and decorations of the ministers. After the lapse of an hour the party were conducted into three tents erected at the foot of the steps of the Tzu Kuang Ko, where, divided into three grounds—ministers, attachés, and interpreters,—they remained half-an-hour. Then the Emperor arrived, and M. von Brand was the first to enter the presence, where he remained exactly five minutes, all ceremonies included. He was followed by the other Ministers in turn, the audience occupying barely five minutes for each. Then the *suites* of the Ministers entered, in three ranks. Three salvoes were given on entrance and three on retiring backwards.

The audience itself was conducted as follows:—Mr. von Brandt delivered a very short speech in English, which M. Popoff translated into Chinese; Prince Ch'ing repeated it kneeling, in Manchu, at the foot of the Throne. The Emperor said a few prepared words in reply which were translated in the reverse order, and the Ministers retired. The Emperor was at a distance of seven or eight yards from the Europeans, raised on a dais with a table in front of him. Behind him stood the Pao-wang and the Ko-wang; at the foot of the dais Prince Ch'ing; and, on either side soldiers with side arms. The hall was not a large one; the Europeans were placed near the centre, between two pillars. The rabble crowded up the steps of the Tzu Kuang Ko, and no order was kept.

ON ENGLISH SEAMANSHIP.

A representative of the *Daily News* has had an interview with Sir Thomas Sutherland, the Chairman of the P. and O. Company, concerning the statement made by Admiral Hornby that we want a much larger number of boys for training as seamen. He thinks they should be first trained in a harbour training-ship, then in a sea-going ship, and afterwards in a steamship of war, going eventually into the merchant service with reserve pay, so as to constitute a thoroughly efficient reserve.

Sir Thomas Sutherland said:—"I should say that there is a certain amount of truth in the representation. We are not training so many English sailors now as we formerly did, simply because there are so few sailing ships to train them in. You can't make seaman of them on steamships. But a seaman trained on board a sailing vessel is the handiest man in the world. He can do anything that is wanted of him; while a man who starts on a steamship never becomes anything but a landlubber. But we can get along with them. They do—that is the best that can be said."

"And you really find Scandinavians and Dutch and others better trained and more amenable to discipline than Englishmen?—Oh, yes; they get more opportunities for learning on sailing ships. And then, again, I fancy that Englishmen of the class who used to become sailors, now find more opportunities of making a living in other ways. It has always been so. English shipping has always been to a very great extent dependent on foreign seamen. They have always been soberer and steadier than Englishmen."

"Your own ships are largely manned by Lascars?—Yes; we find, of course, that they stand the heat of the tropics better than English sailors, and they are easily managed. We have, of course, some Englishmen. We employ them at the wheel and for quartermasters. We have Lascars in the proportion of from two to two and a-half for one Englishman. The cost is pretty much the same—I think, perhaps, a trifle more. We employ about two and a-half Lascars where we should employ one Englishman, and the cost comes to very nearly the same thing in either case. Our officers, of course, are Englishmen; but we never take an officer on board our steamships who hasn't been trained on a sailing vessel. We never take midshipmen on our vessels. We make no pretence of training seamen."

"That certainly very strikingly illustrates your sense of the importance of the training for which Admiral Hornby is crying out?"—"It does. And I may add that if the time should come when we could not find a sufficient number of officers so trained, we should set up a training-ship of our own. We had one at one time, but it was hardly necessary, and we found it rather expensive. I fancy," laughed the chairman of the famous Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company, "that we rather spoiled our youngsters."

TIENTSIN.

(*From our Correspondent.*)

March 5th, 1891.

We have had several heavy falls of snow during the past few days, three inches have fallen here, but it is much heavier around Paoting-foo, the fall there being six inches. The Chinese are quite jubilant over this state of affairs, for the soil hitherto has been so parched that the winter wheat crop has been threatened with destruction.

Our ice-house keepers are beginning to lay in their supplies for the summer. The ice is mainly taken from the flooded plain behind the Settlement, on which there were fully eight inches of ice when the frost was at its height. No ice was taken from the river this year.

The two Krupp guns which burst on October 28th last, at Port Arthur, are to be taken to Essen to be repaired, it being impossible to do this in China, though it was thought at first they could be patched up at the Arsenal. On examination, the muzzle of one was found to be completely shattered, while the damage to the rifling of the other was found to be so extensive that to attempt to repair it here was decided to be hopeless.

This year there have not been so many commercial failures to mark the opening months as heretofore, last year especially, a great number having taken place before this date. Up to the present, however, this year a few trifling collapses only have been reported, and our Chinese friends look forward to a most successful year commercially.

Since the German Bank was opened it has done very considerable business with the Chinese, which is another proof that the traders are doing well and, that credit is good. The past year has been a very good one at Peking also, and no big disasters are reported.

The Chinese say that by next May the long talked of Peking-Tientsin line will be opened without fail, and that on the old terms and conditions, and if so, good-bye to the grand Railway Loan of Tls. 30,000,000 which the Germans and Americans have so often declared they had secured, but for which, however, the Americans seemed to be the favourites. They were prepared, they said, to lend the money on a silver basis at 7 per cent. For the first seven years the interest only was to be repayable, but both principal and interest were to be paid up fully in the following twenty years. The Germans were going to charge 4.4/5 per cent., repayable in *marks*.

Prince Ch'ing is now acting as President of the Board of the late Prince Ch'un; but only temporarily, however, till Prince Kung takes up the office. Her Majesty, the Empress-Dowager has declined to accept the refusal of Prince Kung to assume the honours of his deceased brother, and it is said the Six Boards, the Tsung-li Yamên and the Grand Council have memorialised the Throne to have Prince Kung appointed to the vacant posts.

Last night the *Iltis*, whose amateur theatrical club were so successful here, left Tientsin, and as the *Aspic* is to leave to-morrow the *Palos* will be the last of our popular naval visitors remaining in port.

The scheme for cutting a canal in a south-westerly direction from the Peiho to the sea has been dropped, and it is now proposed to straighten the course of the river by cutting through the bends, as reported in your northern contemporary of Saturday last. The work is to be carried out under the superintendence of Mr. A. Lind, who, with the Tientsin and Customs Taotais, made an inspection of the river the day before yesterday. The work of cutting is to be done by the troops. If the operations are undertaken and turn out unsuccessful, it is feared that little water as we have at times in the river now, we will have less when the work is finished. There are many people who ought to know something about such matters here, who entertain grave doubts about the scheme, and declare that the only thing that can be done with the river is what Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., under the advice of Mr. W. Reeves, proposed in 1888. The villagers strongly objected to the Taotais and Messrs. Detring and Lind making the inspection, and at last they turned out in such numbers and looked so threatening that the gentlemen thought it better to give up their surveying for that day.

March 6th.

The *Aspic* left to-day at noon, the *Iltis* having crossed the bar some hours before, and got away without any mishap.

It has not yet been definitely decided whether or not the Emperor will go to the Western Tombs to worship next month.—*Shanghai Mercury.*

March 7th.

The Tientsin and Haikwan Taotais and the engineering Taotai, Wu, have paid several visits to those bends in the river which it is proposed to improve. The villagers, always apprehensive that they may suffer by change, have been making some difficulties, and if there is any reluctance on the part of any of the Taotais to improvements being made, there is here an opportunity of raising an auxiliary force of obstruction.

The usual exodus of residents has begun: Mr. and Mrs. Leith and Mrs. Hearson have left by steamer *Hasting* this morning, the steamer having been detained by the courtesy of the Viceroy for the convenience of the travellers.

The German gunboat *Iltis* left the Tientsin Bund on Wednesday morning the 4th inst. and proceeded down the river. Many friends assembled to see Captain Ascher and the officers off, and the town band played some of the airs of the Vaterland.

The French gunboat *Aspic* left on Friday, and numerous friends went on board and wished the officers *bon voyage*.—*Chinese Times.*

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To-day's Advertisements.

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No. 525.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 17th March, at 8.30 for 9 O'CLOCK precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1891. [419

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship
"PEKING,"
Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, 17th March, 1891. [441

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT).
THE Company's Steamship
"PHRA NANG,"
Captain W. H. Watton, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 19th inst., at 10 A.M.
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Agents.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1891. [446

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
THE Company's Steamship
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W. Allison, Commander, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst.
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
HONGKONG DERBY, 1892.
THE WEIGHTS for the above RACE will be weight for inches, not 10st. 10lb. as heretofore.
E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1891. [443

HONGKONG POLO CLUB.
AT a General Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Polo Club, held on the 16th instant, it was decided by a majority of votes, "that NO SKY MEETING is to take place this Spring."
SYDNEY ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1891. [444

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1891. [445

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 9, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1891, at 4.15 of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing resolutions to alter the Articles of Association by striking out paragraph 2 of Article 6, and paragraph 5 of Article 13, and to authorize the Directors to increase the Capital of the Company by the issue of 60,000 New Shares of $1 each. Further, to authorize the Company to further increase its Capital from time to time to such amount as may be deemed expedient. A Resolution will also be proposed authorizing the Directors to abandon or otherwise dispose of the Sunghie Dua Samantan property.
By Order of the Board,
A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1891. [438

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TUESDAY, the 31st March,
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Doors open 8.30. Performance to commence at 9 o'clock.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1891. [432

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CATHAY CHAPTER,
No. 1,165.
A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above Chapter, will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 20th inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1891. [440

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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1891. [327

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NOTICE.
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IN ITS PROBATE JURISDICTION.
In the Will and Estate of CHARLES WALTER FLINT, of Sandakan, Deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims against the Estate of CHARLES WALTER FLINT, deceased, late of Sandakan, Merchant, Probate of whose Will has been granted by the High Court of Sandakan, to H. B. DUNLOP of Sandakan, Executor appointed by the Will of the said deceased, are hereby required to send in particulars of such claims to the said undersigned, on or before the Thirty-first day of October, 1891. And Notice is hereby given that after such date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.
Dated this First day of November, 1890.
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To other European Points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.
Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.
Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. from Return Fare. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*
Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1891. [2

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.
(Subject to Alteration).

Empress of India.	Tuesday...	March 31st.
Parthia	Tuesday...	April 28th.
Empress of Japan	Tuesday...	May 26th.

THE Steamship
"EMPRESS OF INDIA,"
Captain O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., sailing at Noon on TUESDAY, the 31st March, with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VANCOUVER, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.
To Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O..... $225.00
To Banff, Calgary$225.00
To Winnipeg$275.00
To Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth$285.00
To Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Milwaukee..... $295.00
To Detroit, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Hamilton, London, (Ont.), Toronto, Niagara Falls $305.00
To Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Washington, Boston, Portland (Maine), Halifax, St. John. $310.00
To Liverpool and London$325.00
To Paris and Bremen.....$345.00
To Havre and Hamburg$335.00
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.
Special rates (first-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials.
Return Tickets.—First and second class only.—Prepaid return tickets to Pacific Coast Points, and to Eastern and Interior Points of Canada and U.S.A. will be granted, available for:—
12 months at 25 per cent. off Return Fare.
4 " " 50 per cent. " " "
(Time is reckoned from the date of issue to date of re-embarkation at Vancouver.)
Passengers to Pacific Coast Points and to Interior and Eastern Points of Canada and U.S.A. not holding prepaid return tickets, but who re-embark at Vancouver within 12 months from date of issue of original ticket, will be allowed 10 per cent. off the return fare.
Prepaid return tickets to Liverpool and London will be issued available for 12 months at $650 or for 4 months $575.
CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. BROWN, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Vancouver, B. C.
Parcels must be sent to our Office with address marked in full by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.
For further information as to Passage or Freight apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February 1891. [14

Insurances.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30 NEXT BIRTHDAY.
£1,000 STG. payable at death, would cost per quarter at the rate of:—
£6 18 0 (a) If premiums are payable for whole of life;
or £9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20 years;*
or £11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15 years;*
or £13 0 0 (d) If the Sum Assured is made payable at age 50, or at death if previous.*
* Secured payments.
THE same provisoris if commenced at age 40 in 6, would cost respectively (a) £8.15.0, (b) £11.5.0, (c) £13.2.4, (d) £17.0.8 per quarter.
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents,
983—4] STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st July, 1880. [66

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th November, 1890. [1567

NOTICE.
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....$1,000,000.
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c., Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1889. [216

GENERAL NOTICE.
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)
CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, EQUAL TO $833,333.33
RESERVE FUND $318,000.00
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LAU SING, Esq. | LO YEUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHING, Esq.
MANAGER.—HO AMEI.
MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.
HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1890. [1249